

REMARKS**Response to Claim Objections**

Claim 92 is objected to by the Examiner because of the following informalities: "targ t" should read —targeted—. Applicants have reviewed the claim as presented and could not locate the informality. Applicants question whether this might be a facsimile artifact. A copy of page eleven of the amendment adding claim 92 which was faxed to the Patent Office is attached.

Response to Claim Rejections Under 35 USC §102

Claims 1, 52, 55, 58 and 65 are rejected by the Examiner under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Ghilatas. (U.S. Pat. No. 5,158,084).

Applicants have amended the rejected claims in order to clarify the invention. Specifically, applicants have added the feature of the fixation element having a retracted and extended configuration which the Examiner indicated (in claim 53 for example) was allowable. Other amendments have been made to the rejected claims and allowed claims to render the terminology used in these claims consistent. The applicants believe that these claims are now in condition for allowance.

Response to Allowable Subject Matter

The applicants note with appreciation the indicated allowance of Claims 68-91 and that claims 49, 53, 54, 56, 57, 59-64, 66, 67 and 92 were directed to patentable subject matter.

Conclusions

The applicants respectfully request further consideration of the pending claims pursuant to the concurrently filed Request for Continued Examination. Favorable consideration and an early allowance of the pending claims are earnestly solicited.

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